

9-1-1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2004

Attendance

The following Committee members were present: Charles Jackson, R. D. Porter, Roger Young, James Asahl, Greg Ballentine, Peggy Lohman, Carol Ann Freeman, Chief James Person and John Wade.

The following Attendees were present: Bill Pippins, Jr., Stoddard County; Jim Mayes, Webster County; Mickey Dreckshage, Gasconade County; John Adams, Gasconade County; Les Dotson, Chariton County; Robert Hull, Jr., Jackson Police Dept.; Ray Bledsoe, Jefferson City Police Dept.; Douglas Keeney, Jefferson City Police Dept.; Dan Clinton, Christian County; Robin Tieman, Mid-America Regional Council; George Major, Osage Beach DPS; Mike Kindle, Macon County; Cindy Uchtman, Webster County; Kim Conway, Cape Girardeau Police Dept.; Pat Blevins, Stone County; Shelley Havens, Monroe County; Mary Lu McConnell, Shelby County; Alice Shockley, Gasconade County; Jim Gaulke, Gasconade County; Alan Wells, St. Francois County; Becky Leake, Ralls County; Mike Hall, Marion County and Rick Bias, Morgan County.

Introductions

Mr. Charles Jackson, Director of Public Safety, Called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. He welcomed and thanked the members and visitors for attending.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Mr. Jim Wakeman, Operations Branch Chief-SEMA, distributed minutes of the November 2003 meeting to committee members. There were no corrections. Motion made by Chief Jim Person to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Greg Ballentine. Motion carried and was approved to accept minutes.

New Business

Mr. Wakeman reviewed several items for discussion contained in the member's folder. Mr. Porter gave the Curriculum Sub-Committee report. He also introduced and thanked representatives from two of the nations training programs that have submitted courses to the board and for developing training programs in the curriculum. The interim approved courses from November 14th were presented for final approval. Mr. Wade made motion and seconded by Mr. Asahl that the courses be approved as listed. Motion was carried and courses were approved. The committee also approved interim courses for January 23rd. Mr. Wade made motion and was seconded by Mrs. Lohman that the courses be

approved as listed. Motion was carried and courses were approved. Mr. Porter also discussed Telecommunicator Training Renewal. Requested that the board grant the re-certification for the courses with the exception of the ICS course for St. Louis. Chief Person made motion, seconded by Mr. Asahl that the re-certification be approved. Motion was carried and courses were approved.

Mr. Porter talked about a letter from the Police Chief's Association of St. Louis that asked that the board review the current curriculum standards and modify those to be more in line with the post standards. Mr. Porter asked the committee for their input. Chief Person mentioned one of the concerns the Police Chief's association has is that the number of hours in the classroom seat may not equate to the number of hours that are certified. Suggested that a committee of training providers be formed that would come up with an easier plan. Mr. Wade suggested that the various points be contrasted with the current practice. Mr. Porter stated that the Police Chiefs would like 3-year desertification period approved rather than a 2-year. Mr. Wakeman stated that this would require legislative action (statue change). Mr. Porter also said that the Police Chiefs would like to break down the biennial refresher to 4 categories instead of the current 8. This would require a change of code of the State regulations. The Police Chiefs would want the committee to set up a program to the provider rather than to the course; this would be a major shift. Mr. Ballentine stated that it would be appropriate to look at the processes and to engage as many stakeholders as possible. He suggested appointing a task force or a committee. Ms. Lohman asked that if the statue and the code of state regulations are reopened and changed, that the committee regulate compliance and document training that is being given. Mr. Jackson asked Chief Person to head a task force and to bring back to the board recommendations. Ms. Lohman commented that she thought the 8 categories were discussed in the last meeting and they were agreed to be kept to make sure the curriculum was well rounded and the categories of re-training were not missed. Mr. Porter stated that the impact of the comments the board has received from across the state is that the categories should be reviewed. He believes it would bring validity to bring a group together to decide if modifications should be made. He said ultimately the board has the final authority. Chief Person replied that statutorily the board does not have the authority to approve or disapprove courses. The board can only advise the Department of Public Safety. Only the Department of Public Safety has the authority to approve or disapprove courses. Mr. Porter asked which statue stated this. Mr. Person stated statues 653.40. Mr. Wakeman did concur this was correct. He also referred to the 3 documents that derive what the committee does: the statues 650.325-650.340, the Code of State Regulations 11CSR10-12 and the boards Standards and Procedures. Mr. Wakeman also stated that the Standards and Procedures were briefed and approved by the committee in Sept. 1991 and suggested the committee review these processes and make changes if needed.

Ms. Lohman reported that she did make contact with the DPS attorney and stated that the committee does not have the authority to make changes to the statues. She also would like to volunteer to participate with the task force when the language issues are addressed so that her committee may continue on as well. Mr. Jackson requested that Ms. Lohman's committee be involved and to look at whatever needs to be changed. He also thinks it's

important to garner the support of the Law Enforcement and the Emergency Services community to support the statute changes. He would like a complete package put together for discussion for the next Legislative Session (2006). The Board agreed that Ms. Lohman would also be working with the Task Force on any changes, since she is familiar with the process.

Mr. Wakeman mentioned three bills: SB 784(715) allows counties to submit tax for voters that fund wireless 911 services. Mr. Porter stated that it has been amended to 715, perfected, voted out of the Senate and passed on to the House. SB 910 allows governors to seek voter approval for any statewide .50 monthly cell phone fee to fund wireless 911. He said it is still in committee and doesn't appear that it will make it out. HB 1199-House version of Senate bill 715 without the amendments is being heard on March 18, 2004 at 11:15am in committee. Mr. Porter brought three other bills to the committee's attention: SB 1329 has to do with the structure and the rights and conditions of boards as far as setting tax rate and approving bond issues. Takes the taxing authority from the governing body to the board and allow the board upon a vote of the people to pass the bond issues. That did not get amended but did come out of the committee with a "do pass". SB 15?? (Consent Bill) allows municipal joint communication centers to be considered be part of the counties/cities LAGERS. HB 1560 modifies 190335 sales tax legislation than rather than have an elected board if there was currently an appointed board in place at the time the change from tariff to sales tax was in place the county could elect to keep the same appointed board.

Mr. Wakeman introduced Mr. Bill Pippen to brief the committee on the NEA, MOU and the TERT program. Copies of these documents were in the committee's folders. Mr. Pippen began by speaking about TERT (Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force). There is a need for mutual aid for 9-1-1 centers for Missouri. TERT will provide that assistance. Asked for support from the 9-1-1 Oversight Committee, Dept. of Public Safety and the State Emergency Management Agency. Needs an MOU for TERT to use as a sponsor. Needs a triggering agency that will allow TERT to be activated in case of a disaster in Missouri. TERT is using North Carolina as a pilot program, has allowed TERT to use all their information as a model to develop something for the state of Missouri. Asked for support because TERT could offer assistance to Missouri during a disaster. Mr. Asahl asked what time table would TERT be ready. Mr. Pippen believes TERT could have information ready to go in a month. He would also like to form a dispatch group to agencies to help. Mr. Wakeman asked if this would all be done on an MOU. Mr. Pippen said yes. Mr. Jackson asked how this would be funded and staffed. Mr. Pippen said with volunteers. Mr. Jackson said that he would like the board to take a look at it; it's a good concept that is needed and make sure that everything is agreed upon on every level. Mr. Pippen also said that North Carolina would help in any way that they could. Mr. Wakeman commented that everything be set up according to declaration.

Mr. Wakeman brought up the establishment of the new meeting date. The Board could meet in Jefferson City in the SEOC on May 11 or in June. Chief Person replied he likes the idea of having meetings in association with the conferences. He mentioned that the MO Police Chief's Association is having a joint conference around June 13th at the Lake. Mr. Wakeman said he would coordinate with the MO Police Chief's and MO Sheriff's Association to come up with a date and place.

Mr. Wakeman discussed the Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Grant. This grant money is from the FY 03 Grant Program. There is 3 ½ million dollars available to work on interoperable communications. It can be awarded in three different areas: interoperable communications equipment, computer-aided dispatch systems, 911 systems and enhanced 911 systems and commercially available crises management software. Applications will be available will be on the website. Jurisdictions that have already received grants are not eligible. Mr. Wakeman mentioned that 5 of the board member's terms would be expiring soon. Mr. Jackson asked that those who are willing to continue or replacements to let Jim know.

Mr. Jackson opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Kindell said that in the packets were invitations for next year's conference. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Kindell for the invitation. Steve Sloan mentioned the SEMA conference and invited everyone to come. Mr. Wakeman stated that this is the third year the conference has had classes associated with 9-1-1 telecommunicators. He also mentioned a spiritual education class for chaplains and vendors with HAZMAT equipment will be available. Mr. Asahl asked if the committee should send a letter for support to legislation. Mr. Wakeman said he thought it was beyond the scope of the committee and suggested that the local PSAP operators should talk to legislation. Mr. Porter announced that the Training Curriculum Sub-Committee were to review 9 courses and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Porter made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Asahl. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.